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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Preliminarily, please amend the application as set forth below.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 8-25, without prejudice.

Add the following claims:

26. (New) A method comprising:

providing a computer having a first display, a second display, and

a unit containing a keyboard, the unit separate from the first and second displays; 3

providing the first display to face in a first direction;

providing the second/display to face in substantially the first direction;

receiving a pen-based input at the first display; and

receiving an input at the keyboard.

27. (New) The method of claim 26, wherein providing the unit comprises

providing a base unit of a laptop computer.

(New) The method of claim 27, further comprising: 28.

hingedly connecting one of the first display and the second display to the

base unit

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